

Holiday "Opening" at the Palais Royal.

SANTA CLAUS never did greater wonder than change The Palais Royal into a grand Christmas Bazaar in one night. Monday's most surprised visitors will be those who were here yesterday. The six spectacular displays are alone worth coming to see.

Fairy Palace	Doll Town	Country Home	School House	Apron Bazaar	Show Window
First floor, in the great rotunda, is the "Fairy Palace." Fairy-like it seems built in the air—the great dome of the structure surmounted with a fairy dome like the Goddess of Liberty on our nation's Capitol.	Note the great bridge spanning nearly half of the first floor. Smile at the policeman doll keeping order among the crowds on their way to Doll Town. And you'll find 4,388 inhabitants there, all good looking.	Now for the old Virginia home with its garden and familiar well—all made of handkerchiefs, thousands of them being used. You can't help but see it—it is big enough to be seen from a long distance and attractive enough to draw you to it.	Worth a visit to the third floor—to see the realistic model of the country schoolhouse. It is during recess—boys and girls are at play in the school yard. It is a merry scene that will inspire memories of the past to many grown folks.	The Apron Bazaar on this third floor will invite many exclamations of delight. Paris never sent cheaper aprons to America than those you'll see here. Such quantities of them! And such artistic and bazaar-like arrangement!	The largest show window of toys in the United States is here, at this G street corner. It contains nine monster Christmas trees, that alone would fill two ordinary windows and enough toys to crowd the usual toy store.

A Corner in the Basement.



Prize Doll Carriage.

The Apron Bazaar.

Aprons from Paris for as much as \$3.50. But better ones here for \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, \$0.75, and \$0.50. Aprons for all occasions—for the maid and mistress.

1.50 tomorrow for any of the 25c Aprons. Hundreds to choose from. See those with 5-inch embroidery insertion and 4-inch hem.

2c tomorrow for the prettiest of 12 1/2c Aprons with dainty ruffling and deep hem.

88c tomorrow for \$1 pocketbooks, and name in gold free of charge. These books are made for Christmas presents of seal and Morocco, in all colors, some plain, some with silver corners. For a day—88c.



Thousands of Them

As much as \$35 for Lace Handkerchiefs, as little as 5 cents for those from Switzerland. Tens of thousands of them.

69c for Fancy Box containing six Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with hand-embroidered initial.

22c tomorrow for choice of all 25c Handkerchiefs. No less than 500 different styles in the grand Christmas gathering of 25c Handkerchiefs.

UMBRELLAS—\$4.68 tomorrow for \$10 Umbrellas—because made up of "waffle" handles, general gift put in \$10 Umbrellas. You have only to look at them to know this is literally true, and note the steel rods, the paragon frames, the English silk covering. Choice for \$4.68.

For Presentation.

Prices gradually rise to \$5 pair. Here and there are extra good values, for one reason or another.

25c pair tomorrow for Fancy Hostery, worth up to 75c pair. They are the surplus stock of the importers, Messrs. Lord & Taylor, of New York.

25c pair tomorrow for Silk Garters with metal bow and fancy buckle. In attractive glass-top box—all for 25c.



WHEN you see these displays and find the mile or so of shelving and counters here—filled with Holiday Goods—you'll be apt to remember that Christmas day is less than a month away—and remember last year's resolution not to put off the selection of presents. Why should you when the stocks are complete now than they'll ever be, and when the complimentary prices of the "Opening" save you in dollars and cents.

OPENING SOUVENIRS.

Each day during the coming week certain articles are to be given away complimentary to those who come to the "Opening." Regular patrons will please note this. For twenty years the rule has been to advertise certain prices for the entire "Holiday Opening" week. This year the list is to be changed daily and the complimentary quotations are for the one day. The following for Monday only:

Xmas Books.

25c tomorrow for choice of Books with illustrated cloth bindings for presentation. Heavy Books for boys, the Poets for girls, the Classics for grown folks.

69c for works of Marie Correll and Hall Caine. Each in 5 cloth bound vols., packed in card box, on which is printed the publisher's price—\$5.

10 percent discount on Calendars and Christmas Cards. Thousands to choose from—1c to \$3.50 each.

Xmas Dolls.

10 percent off price of all Dolls ending \$3.50 or more. Tomorrow only.

49c for best of \$1 Dolls, 18 1/2 inches high. French, Russian, head, covered with wavy hair, choice of blue and brown eyes, that open and close. Ball jointed, even to the wrists. Clothed in pretty lace chemises.

Toys and Games.

44c tomorrow for 50c, 65c and 75c articles. Big and strong Wagons that boys can ride in. Horses to hold them—best of 50c, 65c and 75c Toys for only 44c.

12c Choice of Double Rocking Horses... Large Doll Carriages, upholstered... Hardwood Express Wagons... Marble Lancers with slides... Toys in chest... Parker Ring Toys... Hardwood Tables, with two leaves... Ash Folding Tables... Upright Pianos, with 8 keys... Hardwood Chessmen... Bone Dominoes... Backgammon Boards, complete... Soldier Suits... Police Suits... Fire Engines... Horse Carriages, etc... Skin-covered Horses on platform... Large Train of Cars... Stuffed full of Horses and Wagons... Nickel-plated Range, complete, with Pots and Pans... Children's Rocking Chair... Game of Fish Pond, large size... Scull Purses, all kinds... A B C Blocks, extra size... Hardwood Ten Pins, 12-inch... Nickel Combination Banks... Bureaus, strongly made of oak... Oak Sideboards.

Lamps, Tables.

\$2.98 tomorrow for the \$3.50 Brass Tables, with onyx top. \$2.98 for the \$3.50 Iron Clocks, with brass trimmings.

\$2.39 for the \$2.98 Banquet Lamps, brass finished. Large globe in various colors.

\$1.95 for the \$2.50 Rochester Banquet Lamps, of solid brass. Complete with large decorated globe.

\$5.98 for the \$7.50 Royal Banquet Lamps, with vase and globe decorated in Dresden figures.

\$1.39 for the \$1.75 Dresden Clocks, in new fancy shape. Floral and gilt decorations. Warranted for one year.

\$1.88 for \$2.50 warranted quadruple Jarra Teapots, Cream Pitchers, Sugar Bowls, Chocolate Pots, Spoon Holders, Strap Jars, Water Bottles, Cracker Jars.

STAMPED AND GUARANTEED STERLING SILVER.

46c for the articles one inch shorter, and 79c for those one inch longer than the illustration. Choice of Nail Files, Ink Erasers, Letter Stems, Shoe Horns, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Button Sticks, Baby Brushes and Combs—various other articles at 46c and 79c for choice. The prices are especially low—but every piece is stamped and guaranteed sterling silver.



INITIALS ENGRAVED FREE OF CHARGE.

The Palais Royal, A. LISNER, G and 11th Sts.

AUDITOR PETTY'S REPORT

It Shows Revenues and Expenditures of the District.

Urgent Need for Remedying Defects in the Present Methods of Conducting Tax Sales.

The annual report of the auditor of the District, Mr. J. T. Petty, was submitted to the Commissioners yesterday. His summary of the revenues of the District for the year ended June 30, 1897, gives a total of \$4,182,236. To this the United States contributed \$3,648,233.19, making a total of \$7,830,469.19. The total appropriations paid from the revenue during the year was \$6,541,522.69, leaving a balance in the Treasury available for appropriation of \$1,288,946.50.

Mr. Petty makes extended comment in his report on the matter of the change of contractors of the late board of public works. He prints, as an appendix, the full decision of the Supreme Court in the case of George E. Johnson, administrator of Peter McNamara and others, carried upon appeal from the court of claims, rendered February 15, 1897. In this decision Mr. Petty's contention in his last annual report is upheld. He says that the act of February 15, 1897, relating to the board of public works, is entirely too liberal.

He also comments at length on the Northern Liberty Market case.

He recommends the amendment of penalties upon overdue taxes, saying that frequently their imposition is a hardship.

Of the tax sales he says: "I know of no matter more important and far-reaching in its relation to the District revenues than the proper regulation of tax sales. Many thousands of dollars are now annually lost to the government in consequence of the abortive and contradictory laws that burden our auctioneers. At the special session of Congress in March last a bill, carefully prepared, which meets the approval of District officials generally, was introduced, but failed to become a law. It is confidently relied upon to cure the defects of the present system, and the effort to secure its prompt approval by Congress should exist every energy of the Commissioners."

He recommends the passage of a bill already introduced, creating the office of collector of fines in the police court. There is a strong recommendation that some other provision for the police and firemen's pension funds be made, than simply the fines collected in the police court. These, Mr. Petty says, are inadequate. He also asks that the \$17,000 deficiency in the payments to police pensioners from June 1894, to May 31, 1896, be appropriated for as "a debt of honor."

MISS CINEROS' FATHER FREE.

The Fair Cuban Prays When She Hears the News.

Miss Evangelina Cosío Cineros had received no further information last night concerning the liberation of her father than that published in The Times of yesterday afternoon. She rejoices over the glad news and awaits a message from her parent. She hopes that he may come to this country, but thinks it improbable that he will, but that his first care, after learning that his child is about repairing his wrong, will be to set about repairing his shattered fortune, and getting things into shape around the old home.

Miss Cineros had received information

that her father was to be pardoned, and this had a tendency to reduce the shock which the news of his release would have given her had it been unexpected.

Miss Cineros did not display very much emotion, but directly upon learning that her father was free, offered up a prayer giving thanks to the Great Creator. Augustin Cosío was taken prisoner early in 1896. He was charged with conspiracy and was sent first to Cienfuegos, and then to the Cabañas where he became El Gen. Campos. At the request of Evangelina sent her father to the Isla de Pinos, where he was given a house and the freedom of the island. His family was allowed to accompany him.

While on the island Senor Cosío was placed under arrest by Jose Beriz, its military governor, who is alleged by Evangelina Cineros to have promised his release on conditions dishonorable to her self. For her refusal and the punishment inflicted on Beriz by her friends she was thrown into jail in Havana. Her father was at that time transferred to the Cabañas.

SERVED WITH LIGHT AND POWER

Things at the U. S. Electric Plant in Excellent Shape.

Most of the clients of the United States Electric Lighting Company were served with light and power last night, though the non-arrival of a consignment of material from the coast caused some disappointment. This material comprised switchboards, meters, voltmeters, and equalizers, and will surely reach Washington today. With these appliances on hand the company will be ready for business at the old stand, and every light and motor dependent on the company will be in operation tonight.

There has been no cessation in the work of repair since the fire. Every available man on the pay roll and many outside electricians have been at work with very little sleep since early Friday morning. Many of the men have not closed their eyes in sleep. The company has kept them supplied with hot coffee and edibles so as to minimize the time required for eating.

Some of the officers of the company have been on the ground without rest since the fire was announced and will remain there until the last stroke of repair work has been finished. It was said late last night that there is no doubt that the full plant will be in operation this evening.

Elks' Memorial Session.

Washington Lodge of Elks will hold their memorial service Sunday afternoon, December 5, at 4 o'clock, at Columbia Theatre. Senator Wellington of Maryland, Senator Carter of Montana, and Rev. Dr. Ennis, will deliver brief addresses. Prof. Art's orchestra, Mr. Myron B. Harlan, Messrs. Cathel and Jones and others will furnish the instrumental and vocal music for the occasion. All visiting Elks, their families, friends, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Christian Alliance Session.

The second session of the Christian and Missionary Alliance convened yesterday at 3 p.m. in the People's Tabernacle, Eleventh street between G and I streets southeast. There was but a small attendance, but those present were edited and instructed by a series of Bible readings by the Rev. P. Nugent, of Richmond, Va. In the evening the congregation was addressed by the Rev. A. V. Fadden, a missionary recently returned from Arabia, and Rev. H. D. Campbell, a missionary from Africa.

Do you know that you can have The Morning, Evening, and Sunday Times—the only COMPLETE newspaper published in Washington—served to you by carrier for fifty cents a month?

THE SEASON OF OPERA.

The season of grand opera, which will be given at the Lafayette Square Opera House, by the Danmorch and Ellis Opera Company, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on the evening of December 13, 14, 16 and 17, promises to be one of the most brilliant seasons that Washington has ever had.

The boxes are nearly all sold, and the subscription for seats will open on Wednesday next at the box office of the theater. The company is in some respects the same as last year, containing, as it does, Mme. Gadski, Herr Kraus and Herr Fischer, but has been largely increased by the engagement of French artists for the production of operas in French and Italian. Mme. Melba, who last year sang with the company as a guest, is now a regular member, and will be heard twice, first on the opening night in "The Earl of Seville," and again in "Faust."

Of the new artists, Bonduquesse, the new basso, is more than usually a singer by inheritance. Not only was his father an eminent basso, but he has been his son's only teacher in the art of song, and in operatic acting. He has enjoyed also the advantage of the teaching and the discipline of the Opera Comique at Paris, where he first appeared, in 1889, and where he sang with success for three years. Subsequently he has appeared in many European cities, notably in the admirable companies that John Gatti has visited at Monte Carlo. His ardent southern temperament gives warmth to his acting, and the training of so esteemed a singer as his father, and the Opera Comique, suggests his skill in singing. In appearance he is tall, well-built and of a fine carriage.

M. Salinger, though he has hitherto sung only one winter in the United States, and then mainly in New York, left an enduring recollection of his merits as a dramatic singer. In "Carmen" his song was well-nigh a match in passion for Mme. Calvé's gypsy, and had the audience been prepared for it, it would have made almost equal impression. The final scene, indeed, he fairly decided with her. As Romeo also in "Gounod's" opera, he showed the same intensity, variety, and felicity of style, alike as singer and actor. His long training on the admirable stage of the Opera Comique in Paris has taught him the worth of detail in song and in action; while the sweetness and charm of his voice admirably suit it to lyric passages.

Candide Sevgard, a soprano new to Washington, is a Frenchwoman of most attractive presence and with a voice that is pure, agreeable and flexible. She studied in Paris, and made her first appearance in opera at Covent Garden in 1888 as Zerlina in "Don Giovanni." A few months later, under the name of Marcelina, she appeared at the Opera Comique, Paris, as Rodina in Rossini's "Barber of Seville," where she found favor and appeared in other parts. She has sung since in all the larger cities of Europe. She came to this country last year when, as a member of the Danmorch Opera Company, she appeared as Carmen in Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Like most singers trained in the French fashion, she is skilled in significant details in her phrasing and her action, and she has the finish that work at the Opera Comique usually imparts.

Herr Staudigl is scarcely a newcomer, but when he last sang in America in 1913-'15, when he was a member of the company of the Metropolitan Opera House, he went little outside of New York. There he sang in important baritone parts, and his repertoire is by no means limited to Wagner's operas, and music dramas. His versatility indeed is one of his chief characteristics. He is no less skillful and ap-



plauded as a dramatic singer than as a soloist in concert and festivals where his vocal compositions are given. In leader singing he is equally esteemed, and all his gifts have made him known from one end of Germany to the other and kept his services in constant demand.

Others in the large company are David Haspach, Ernst Fischer, Ernst Kraus, Van Hoope, Othello Staudigl, Gadschi, Steinmann and Campanari.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR ASSAULT.

Sentence Upon Benjamin Tolman for Seriously Wounding John Rocker. John Rocker, who has been lingering between life and death at the Emergency Hospital for fourteen days, suffering from a compound fracture of the skull, as the result of a blow dealt by Benjamin Tolman, a colored hotelier, at the Colostables, about two weeks ago, was able to appear in the police court today to give testimony against his assailant.

Rocke appeared with his head bandaged to the eyes with hospital cloths, and a silver plate over the terrible wound. The condition of the defendant is believed by the doctor to be still very serious, and speaking upon their testimony Judge Kimball told the accused that he would fine him to the fullest extent of the law for such a serious assault, and one that may yet turn out to be a murder.

The altercation was caused by the using of an epithet by Tolman, and which involved the respectability of Rocker's wife. This the husband resented. A fight ensued in which Rocker came off victor, the chin of Tolman prompted him to seek revenge the next day by deliberately striking Rocker on the back of the head with a brick. Rocker was removed to the Emergency Hospital in an unconscious state, and a part of the brick which had entered the skull of the wounded man was taken out by Dr. Justermann. The doctor took the stand today and said that the man's condition was still critical. His skull is broken, but is held together by a silver plate, which was inserted above the wound. Judge Kimball sentenced Rocker to serve a year, minus a day, in jail.

LYNCHED BY OTHER NEGROES.

Henry Abrams, Colored, Shot to Death After Arrest.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 27.—Henry Abrams, a negro, aged twenty-six years, married, was lynched by three of his race, Thursday afternoon. Constable Huggins arrested Abrams ten miles from the city for incest. He had already been given a preliminary trial in the Eighth precinct, was held to the grand jury, and was being taken to jail, when taken from the officers. As the constable and his prisoner were passing a swamp on the country road, three negroes rushed out, and menacing the officer with revolvers, took Abrams away from him, and disappeared with him into the swamp. Three shots in rapid succession told the remainder of the story. The constable did not notify his superior until last night. The sheriff this morning found the negro in the swamp with three shots in his breast.

THE FREUNDORFF GIRLS.

Case Will Be Reinvestigated if Bond Is Given.

There has been a great deal of misstatement in the New York papers in relation to the action of the Treasury Department in the case of the two German girls, the Freundorffs, under sentence of deportation from New York. It has been stated among other things that the order of deportation has been indefinitely stayed on a telegram from New York.

The facts are that a letter was sent to New York Friday night conveying the instructions of the Treasury Department. Friday some citizens of New York called on Secretary Gage in behalf of these girls. One of them, Mr. Brown, spoke for the prisoners. It had been represented to the department that the girls were likely to become a further charge, as their uncle, Mr. de Gault, would give them no assistance if they did not return to their father in Germany. Since then Mr. Morris Schmale, of St. Louis, a cousin of the girls, had sent information to them in effect that he desired them to stay and that they would be taken care of by a Mr. Ivan Nathan, of New York.

Notwithstanding these representations the sentence of deportation was passed, and the New York citizens came over to see the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary has sent instructions that the case be re-investigated if a sufficient moral and financial bond be given. If the result is not satisfactory to the girls they are to appeal to the commissioner of immigration, the final adjudication to be made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

One of the New York papers says that Mr. Otto Wink, a lawyer, was to come to Washington, and that he would have the girls released by next Monday. This does not appear to be based on the law in the case, as laid down by the Secretary of the Treasury.

MR. HITT SEES THE PRESIDENT.

Believed to Have Talked of Cuba and Hawaii.

The President received quite a number of callers yesterday, among them Representative Hitt, of Illinois; Representative Bingham, and Secretary Long, of the Navy. Mr. Hitt is the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, and it is quite likely that before long he will have his hands full of Cuba and Hawaii. There is possibly more opposition in the House to the annexation of Hawaii than there is to the granting of belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents. The resolution of the Senate to that effect is now before the House, but will undoubtedly be referred to Mr. Hitt's committee early in the session.

Mr. Hitt had a long talk with the President. There has been a disposition of late to create a Spanish settlement throughout the country, the last effort being the statement by Secretary Sherman that he has been informed that there are no longer any American prisoners in Cuba. This will be urged as a good reason for non-interference.

The Hawaiian question will, however, be one of difficult settlement if the same position is developed as was shown at the extra session of Congress. It is believed that the conference yesterday was devoted to a review of the situation, both as to Cuba and Hawaii, in the House.

Seventh Street Gloomy.

Seventh street didn't wear its usual bright appearance last night. The absence of the electric incandescent lights made the street look like an early closing night. There's one thing about Tharp's Pure Berkeley—it never fails. It is always the same true and trusty friend. No better whisky and none more delicious was ever drunk. For sale at Jas. Tharp's, 512 E. st. n.w.